Staff in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

270. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any non-caste Hindu in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the individual or individuals; and

(*c*) the strength of the staff in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No; not on the permanent establishment.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) 1 Head Pandit
6 Pandits
1 Clerk-typist
3 Peons.

MR. K. PADMANAHBAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know whether there is any non-caste Hindu in the acting list of persons?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was one non-caste Hindu acting off and on; I cannot say whether that individual is now acting or not.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the name of that individual?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Srimati L. Bhavani.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when she was first entertained?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She was appointed first as a scribe in the Curator's office on 20th Meenam 1105.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of times she has acted as Pandit?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Off and on. I cannot say the exact number of times.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether any qualification has been prescribed for Pandit's place?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. I believe it is the Mahopadhyaya Examination.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether this particular individual possesses that qualification?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, she does.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know how many years it is since the Curator's office was formed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some 26 years.

Prosecutions under the Travancore Companies Regulation.

271. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action since 1934 for prosecution of companies under the Companies Regulation for contravening the provisions thereof?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know how many companies have been prosecuted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Three.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know who conducts the prosecution?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or a Police Inspector, I am not sure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): A point of order. The member who has put in the main question is absent. May I know whether supplementary questions could be allowed?

PRESIDENT: No objection unless the question is withdrawn.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether it is the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or anybody deputed by him that conducts the prosecution?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Construction of the Alwaye bridge.

272. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaints from the S. I. R. Company regarding the construction of the Alwaye bridge as affecting their earnings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether the construction of the Alwaye bridge will, as a matter of fact, affect the earnings of the S. I. R.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. N. ABDURR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know why this work is delayed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is not being delayed; the bridge is being designed in my office, but funds have not been allotted as yet.

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